
Jackson County's Older Population

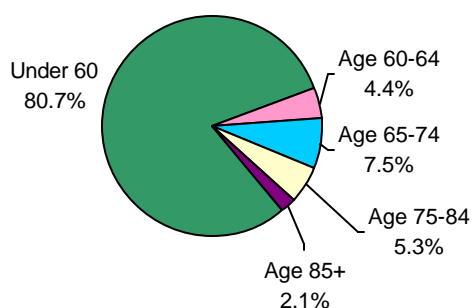
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Jackson County is higher than that of the state as a whole (14.9% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much slower in this county than in the state as a whole (0.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 2,844 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 407 of these are age 85 or older. Jackson County's average (or median) age is 37.6 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Jackson County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	19,100		16,588		2,512	15.1%
Persons 60 and over	3,688	19.3%	3,641	21.9%	47	1.3%
Persons 65 and over	2,844	14.9%	2,840	17.1%	4	0.1%
Persons 85 and over	407	2.1%	288	1.7%	119	41.3%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Jackson County Population in Each Group



Race:

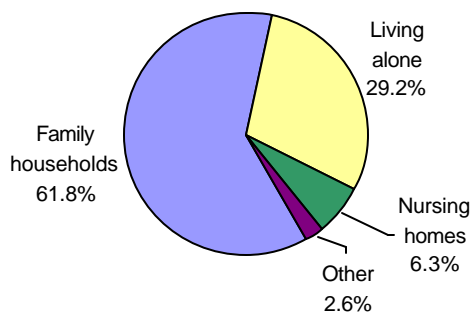
A large majority (97.1%) of Jackson County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Jackson County African Americans have a median age of 29.7 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 25.9 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.1 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 7,070 households in Jackson County, 1,963 include at least one person age 65 or older (27.8% of all households). A total of 1,838 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 77.4% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.8%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.2% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.7% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 179 people age 65 and older live in Jackson County nursing homes (6.3% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Jackson County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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